

O-Generator

Sibelius Software Ltd
Music
KS2, KS3, KS4

O-Generator claims that it offers "the simplest way for students to understand the fundamentals of music and composition". The basis of this bold claim is the clever circular interface that allows pupils to place samples on the beats (down to 16ths) of bars of music, altering pitch and position to build pieces of music from separate bars. Add to the mix a detailed teacher's handbook, CD of instructional videos, the virtual music teacher and it seems that there may be some justification to the claim. The resource is aimed at pupils in Years 5-9, and is designed to support the National Curriculum music requirements especially where they relate to composition. The program is designed to be used either by individual pupils working at workstations using headphones or as a whole class resource with the teacher driving the lesson via a projector and the supplied resources.

